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In re Application of

Matthews et al.

Application No. 09/663,483

ON PETITION :

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This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 13, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

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The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action, mailed June 3, 2004. The Notice set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from the mail date of the Notice, and also provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant filed an Amendment on October 8, 2004, however, the Amendment failed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant was so notified in an Advisory Action mailed November 12, 2004.

Applicant next filed a Notice of Appeal on December 6, 2004. Applicant files the instant petition, Request for Continued Examination and Amendment, thereby withdrawing the appeal. See MPEP 1215.01.

This application is being returned to Technology Center 2155 for processing of the RCE and Amendment in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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